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In re Application of:

FEASTER, *et al.*

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For: ASSAY FOR DETECTING, MEASURING AND
MONITORING THE ACTIVITIES AND
CONCENTRATIONS OF PROTEINS AND
METHODS OF USE THEREOF

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Examiner: GUO, Lynda, T.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 14 November 2002, wherein the Examiner required a restriction of claims 1-37 in the above-referenced patent application.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 10-36 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims, claims 38-52, as follows:

38. (New) The assay of claim 1, wherein the test sample is a synthetic sample or a natural sample.

39. (New) The assay of claim 1, wherein the natural sample is a tissue, fluid, or a membrane.